

**Montana Public Employees' Retirement Board receives prestigious award  
for annual financial report**

(Helena) The Montana Public Employees' Retirement Board (MPERB) has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. MPERB received the award for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

"This award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting," said Executive Director, Roxanne Minnehan. "This is the twelfth consecutive year we have received this award. It's quite an honor for us."

MPERB President John Nielsen recognized staff members Diann Levandowski, Donna Bley, Ann Reber, and Barbara Quinn for their primary role in preparing the award-winning report.

The comprehensive annual financial report was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the comprehensive annual financial report.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.

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